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To: Nebraska School Superintendent
From: Dr. Roger Breed, Commissioner of Education
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Re: Check 4 Learning (C4L) 2012-2013

Check for Learning (C4L) was launched in 2012 and opened on January 23, 2012 for 177 of Nebraska's 249 school districts. The purpose of C4L is to allow districts to pull NeSA-like items from a state-generated item bank and assess students on the state standards at point of instruction. Or, it may be used to generate district interim tests. This tool allows classroom teachers to see how students are progressing in their mastery of the standards prior to the state testing. The data from C4L is returned instantaneously to students and teachers so that it can be used formatively to change and adjust instruction before the summative NeSA tests are given in the spring.

The Nebraska Department of Education, with help from Nebraska teachers, is continuing to populate the C4L item bank with new multiple choice items that measure the tested NeSA indicators in reading, mathematics, and science and will have even more items loaded for the 2012-2013 school year. We would like to invite all Nebraska districts to participate in the upcoming year. Districts may elect to participate by signing one of the two Memorandums of Understanding (MOU) available for the 2012-2013 year. One MOU is designed for the 177 districts who were participants in 2012 and considered "Charter" members. The second MOU is designed for "New Members." Both are included in this email, and may be found on the assessment website: www.education.ne.gov

In order to participate in the 2012-2013 C4L (expected to open in October 2012), a Memorandum of Understanding must be signed **by May 31, 2012**. This will provide district administrators and teachers access to this state item bank via the same CAL online system that provides the NeSA summative tests. Participation in C4L is voluntary and available at no cost to your district. Participation in C4L will require that your district supports the cost of your teachers participating in the development and review of items as outlined in the MOU.

If you have questions about C4L, please do not hesitate to contact Pat Roschewski, the Director of Statewide Assessment at pat.roschewski@nebraska.gov or call her at 402/471-2495.